

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-32, as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1-13 (canceled)

14. (new) A door handle for mounting, generally horizontally on a refrigeration furniture door, comprising:

an elongated middle piece;

two end pieces;

a receiving element formed on at least one of said middle piece and said end pieces;

at least two plug elements formed on at least one of said middle piece and said end pieces;

said end pieces fixed to said middle piece by said plug elements inserted into said receiving element on opposite ends of said middle piece; and

said end pieces attached to said middle piece, extending said middle piece in the longitudinal direction and said receiving element has a substantially continuous peripheral wall over its entire length.

15. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including said middle piece has a substantially straight profile.

16. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including said middle piece is an injection moulded part.

17. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including said middle piece is a hollow extruded profile.

18. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including at least one of said receiving elements is formed on said middle piece and one of said plug elements complementary to said receiving element is formed on one of said end pieces.

19. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including the plugging direction of said receiving element and said plug element is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of said middle piece.
20. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including said plug element including a base surrounded by a circumferential projection which forms a stop for said receiving element.
21. (new) The door handle according to claim 20, including said plug element including a scoring for frictionally locking said plug element into said receiving element.
22. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including the outer contour of said middle piece continues substantially continuously into said end pieces.
23. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including at least one of said end pieces including a retaining toggle for a form-locking connection to the furniture door.
24. (new) The door handle according to claim 14, including at least one of said end pieces including at least one through hole adapted for inserting at least one fixing means for fixing said end piece to the furniture door.
25. (new) An assembly kit for a door handle adapted to be mounted generally horizontally on a refrigeration furniture door, said kit comprising:
  - an elongated middle piece;
  - two end pieces;
  - a receiving element formed on at least one of said middle piece and said end pieces;
  - at least two plug elements formed on at least one of said middle piece and said end pieces;
  - said end pieces adapted to be fixed to said middle piece by said plug elements;

said plug elements adapted to be inserted into said receiving element on opposite ends of said middle piece; and

said end pieces when attached to said middle piece, extending said middle piece in the longitudinal direction, and said receiving element has a substantially continuous peripheral wall over its entire length.

26. (new) The assembly kit according to claim 25, including said middle piece is a hollow extruded profile and including at least one of said receiving elements is formed on said middle piece and one of said plug elements complementary to said receiving element is formed on one of said end pieces.

27. (new) The assembly kit according to claim 25, including at least one of said end pieces including a retaining toggle for a form-locking connection to the furniture door.

28. (new) The assembly kit according to claim 25, including at least one of said end pieces including at least one through hole adapted for inserting at least one fixing means for fixing said end piece to the furniture door.

29. (new) A method for producing a door handle, comprising:

forming a profile strand and cutting a pre-determined length from said profile strand forming an elongated middle piece;

forming two end pieces by individually molding each of said end pieces;

forming a receiving element on at least one of said middle piece and said end pieces;

forming at least two plug elements on at least one of said middle piece and said end pieces;

fixing said end pieces to said middle piece by inserting said plug elements into said receiving element on opposite ends of said middle piece; and

attaching said end pieces to said middle piece, extending said middle piece in the longitudinal direction and forming said receiving element with a substantially continuous peripheral wall over its entire length.

30. (new) The method according to claim 29, including forming said middle piece with a hollow extruded profile and forming at least one of said receiving elements on said middle piece and forming one of said plug elements complementary to said receiving element on one of said end pieces.

31. (new) The method according to claim 29, including forming a retaining toggle on at least one of said end pieces for a form-locking connection to the furniture door.

32. (new) The method according to claim 29, including forming at least one through hole in at least one of said end pieces adapted for inserting at least one fixing means for fixing said end piece to the furniture door.